

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the Official Action provided on February 3, 2005. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the acknowledgement of Applicants' Claim of Priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Applicants also note with appreciation that claims 1-6 have been indicated by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter, on page 3 of the Official Action.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 will have been amended. Thus, claims 1-6 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection and rejection to claims 1-6 of the application.

On page 2 of the Official Action, claims 1-6 were objected to because of informalities regarding a term "vanes." According to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants has amended the term into "vane" as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested of this objection.

On page 2 of the Official Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. For the same reason, claim 4 was also rejected on page 3 of the Official Action. A recitation of "an inner strap and an outer strap provided to both of an upper surface and a lower surface of each vane,"

which was indicated by the Examiner as indefinite, has been rewritten to "inner straps and outer straps positioned at opposite sides of the vanes." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the arrangement of the straps with the vanes becomes clear and any indefiniteness pointed by the Examiner have been resolved. Further, the presently amended claims 1 and 4 now clearly comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The rejection of claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, no longer proper.

With respect to a newly added feature "the plurality comprising at least ten " (see line 6 in claims 1 and 4), Applicants respectfully note that this feature is supported at least by paragraph [0031] of the specification of the present application.

Applicants also submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5 and 6, which are at least patentable due to their respective dependencies from claims 1 and 4 for the reasons noted above, recite additional features of the invention and are also separately patentable over the prior art of record.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the objection to and rejection of claims 1-6 are not proper. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection and rejection, and provide an early indication of the allowability of all the claims.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Entry and consideration of the present amendments, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action, and allowance of the present of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

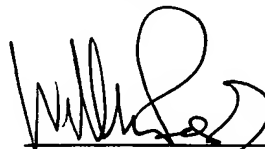
Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so.

Any amendments to the claims that have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered cosmetic in nature, and to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,

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